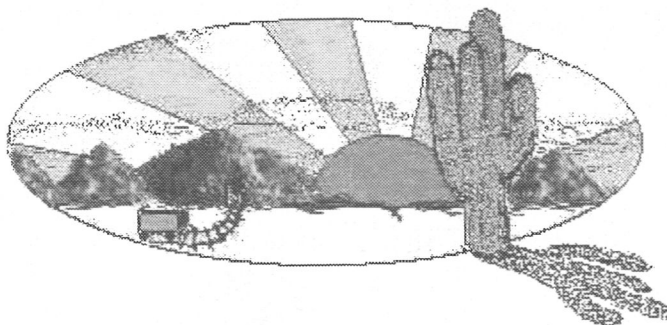


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A New Year 2009

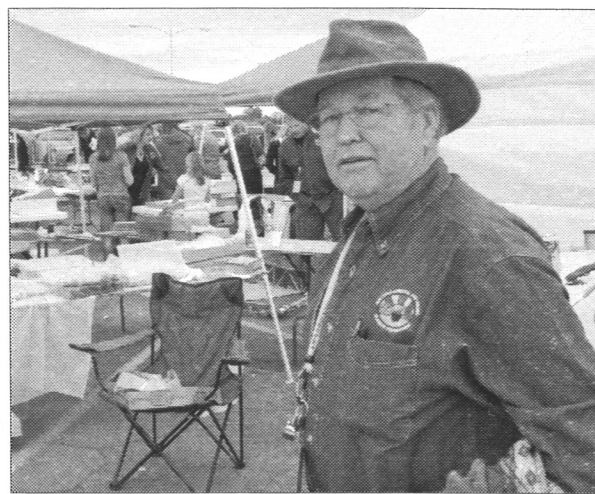
*The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum.*

## **FLAGG GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**

**The Foundation's Annual Meeting** will be held Thurs., Jan. 8 at 7:00 P.M. at Mesa Community College in the new Physical Science Building. The Physical Science Department has moved to a new building so our old meeting place is not available for our meeting. We will meet in the lobby of the new Physical Science Building and from there move to where the meeting will be held. This year we will not have a presale before the meeting as we are not sure about the venue. We will try to have special sales in the future. The building has a planetarium and if it is not being repaired we will meet there and have a planetarium show as part of our meeting. The building is easy to find as it is the new large building right on Dobson Road just north of where we hold the

kid's activities for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, **January 9, 10, and 11 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** Lavone Archer will coordinate the volunteers during the show. Call her at 480-969-0483 if you can help.

We will have refreshments and lunch each day for volunteers. Volunteer from 9 to 1 before lunch or volunteer from 1 to 5 after lunch. Sunday at 5, we need people to help with the clean up.



*Darrell Dodd at the 2008 Flagg Show.*



Flagg Show.

We need lots of volunteers to help with the Flagg Show. We need folks to help with mineral sales and

## **PROSPECTORS' FAMILY DAY**

The annual Prospectors' Family day will be held at the Museum on Saturday February 21. It is sponsored by the Arizona Prospectors Association and the Maricopa Lapidary Society. There will be activities related to gold prospecting, activities for children, and some mineral and lapidary dealers.

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### Join the Foundation

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum. Over the years, many Benefactors have donated cherished collections, and though all are greatly appreciated, they can not all be displayed. We preserve what we can, and hold sales to allow others to add these treasures to their personal collections. The proceeds are used to acquire specimens and fund Museum projects.

### Foundation Activities

The Foundation holds the Flagg Show each January at Mesa Community College, and hosts a Symposium each March on Arizona Minerals and Localities. A sale is held at the Museum in October in conjunction with The Museum Family Day. We go on field trips to working mines such as The Red Cloud, that might not be available to individual collectors.

### Membership Application

Arizona Mineral & Mining Museum Foundation  
(A Memorial to A. L. Flagg)

**For \$25 you can be a member and will be entitled to:**

- ⇒ A one year subscription to the Foundation newsletter.
- ⇒ Free Admission to the Museum
- ⇒ A 10% discount at the Museum store for the year.
- ⇒ Invitation and a discount for special Foundation events, including the Annual Symposium.
- ⇒ Admission to Members-Only Pre-Sale Showings.
- ⇒ Invitation to Field Trips.
- ⇒ A Foundation membership card.

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**Send This Form and \$25 To:**  
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Foundation Annual Meeting</b> <b>Thurs., Jan. 8, 2009</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mesa Community College</b> In the New Physical Science Building.
<b>Flagg Gem and Mineral Show Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 9, 10, and 11, 2009.</b>	<b>Mesa Community College</b>
<b>Collection Committee Meets on the Fourth Tuesday of Each Month</b>	<b>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</b> 1502 W. Washington St. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Prospector's Family Day</b> <b>Sat., Feb. 21, 2009.</b>	<b>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</b> 1502 W. Washington St.
<b>Seventeenth Annual Minerals of Arizona Symposium – Sat., March 21, 2009</b>	<b>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</b> 1502 W. Washington St.

### The Nomination Committee Report

by Genie Howell

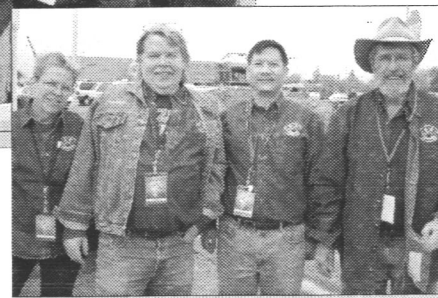
The slate of Foundation Trustees for terms expiring in 2012 is Paul Jaeger, Robert Jones, Bill Yedowitz, Harvey Jong, Stan Celestian, and Phil Richardson.

The Officers' slate remains the same.



*Foundation members show off their new shirts with*

*Logos at the Flagg sale tables in 2008.*



**November 2008 Board/Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation

November 20, 2008

**Attendees:** Pierre Cantou, Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Darrel Dodd, Doug Duffy, Genie & Jack Howell, Harvey Jong, Steve Pegler, Les Presmyk, Phil Richardson, Dana Slaughter, Bill Yedowitz, Dick Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order by Phil Richardson since Ray Grant was still in Australia.

**A. Secretary's Report in Last Newsletter**

Phil asked for changes to the draft minutes as published in the Newsletter. No modifications/additions were suggested. Bill Yedowitz moved to accept the minutes. Genie Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)**

Darrel indicated that the checking account balance is around \$3000. He asked for any new bills.

**C. Committee Reports****1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)**

Bill pointed out the need for more minerals for the upcoming Flagg Show. He mentioned that he returned the Family Day materials back to the trailer. He also indicated that he will schedule a work day in December.

Bill reviewed recent committee developments along with upcoming activities:

- Received a donation of 6 wooden display cases from Mark Hay
- Sorted and priced fluorites and other minerals donated by Sam Elbin
- No progress/interest on auctioning cabochons on eBay
- Need to sort/price a few flats of specimens donated by Bill Heffernon

Darrel mentioned that he bought some of the inventory of *J & J Castings*, which recently went out of business. He indicated that he will work with Bill on moving this material to the trailer.

**a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11/25 at the Museum, 6:45pm**

**2. Website: [www.azminfun.com](http://www.azminfun.com) also [www.flaggshow.info](http://www.flaggshow.info) (Harvey Jong)**

Harvey reported that he was in Australia for the past month, so there are no updates to the website. Darrel asked about a duplicate bill from C&R Productions for Web hosting services. Harvey indicated that he wasn't able to look into the bill before

leaving for Australia, but he would contact Randall before the next meeting.

**3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)**

Steve presented receipts for Newsletter expenses and mentioned that he has a \$40 deficit. He requested \$350 to cover this amount along with publishing the next edition. Les Presmyk moved to provide Steve with \$350 for the Newsletter. Doug Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**4. Symposium - 2009 - Saturday, March 21**

Phil mentioned that Ray has assembled a program. Harvey, however, indicated that Ray was still working on getting speakers.

**5. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)**

Chuck wasn't able to attend, but Bill indicated that he talked to Chuck before the meeting. He reported that the Collins Cut field trip in Nov. has been delayed due to a fire at the San Manuel mine office. This trip may be rescheduled for early Spring.

Bill summarized the recent trip to the Ray mine. Around 18 people attended the trip, and they collected Chrysocolla, Pyrite, Molybdenite, and Native Copper. While these minerals weren't as abundant as on an earlier trip, everyone was treated to a visit to the mine office where they could pick out a nice Chrysocolla specimen. Bill mentioned that he selected a big chunk of Chrysocolla for the Museum. This specimen was slated to be part of the Copper Gallery display. Jan Rasmussen, however, decided to use the piece for the Ray case. So, the Museum is looking for another large Chrysocolla specimen.

**6. Flagg Show - 2009 (January 9, 10, 11)**

Harvey brought in additional flyers and posters and encouraged members to take what they needed. Phil asked about pre-paid dealers. Lavone Archer wasn't able to attend, but Harvey met with her before the meeting. Thirty-one dealers sent in forms, and 30 have paid. This is on track with previous years' responses.

There was some discussion on show fees and expenses. Harvey indicated that MCC may be increasing parking lot rental fees. The amount is not known, but Ray will contact MCC when he returns.

Genie handed out some updated notes from last year's show. She suggested reviewing the comments to determine if there are any items that have been overlooked. Bill pointed out that trailers were really helpful in moving show materials last year and suggested getting one or two trailers.

There was some discussion activities for kids. The status on the MCC Geology Club was still unknown, so concerns were ex-

pressed about how the Foundation could cover these activities. Considerable time and effort is needed for pre-show preparations, such as making fossil cups, and running activities during the show. Phil indicated that he would contact John Weide about the geology club plans.

### **D. Old Business**

#### **1. Peralta Stones Loan**

Phil mentioned that the decision on loaning the Peralta Stones is still pending. He reported that Mr. Reinhardt contacted him about the status and that insurance remains a sticking point. He asked members if anyone wanted to make a motion concerning the loan. Les commented that a motion should await resolution of the insurance issue. Bill added that visiting the museum and getting a better idea of how the maps would be displayed along with acknowledgements was also needed. Dick Zimmermann suggested that the display should include space for promoting the mineral museum.

#### **2. Collector's Corner**

Phil indicated that a steering committee has been formed, but this committee still needs to meet to work on a specific proposal.

#### **3. Board Insurance**

Steve raised a concern about the potential liabilities of Board members and asked about the status of board insurance. He indicated that he would not serve on the Board unless an adequate insurance policy was in place. There was some discussion on insurance options and the exposure of Board members. Harvey indicated that Chuck had obtained some insurance forms but Ray was still reviewing the 30 page document. Les mentioned that he would contact Paul Harter about legal ramifications of serving on the Board.

#### **4. Donation Day - Saturday, Dec. 6, 11am-4pm at the Museum**

Donation Day will be held in the Flagg Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 6. There was some discussion about having someone serve as an independent appraiser and on the number of people who will be donating minerals. An e-mail message to members asking about donation plans will be sent out, and the results will be reviewed at the next Collection Committee meeting.

#### **5. Any Other Old Business**

None.

### **E. New Business**

#### **1. Marc Watson Collection**

Les reported that Marc Watson is in poor health and has been at an assisted care facility since March. He has been asked by her two daughters to handle Marc's mineral collection. He has been packing up specimens and brought in 12 flats for members to peruse. The collection consists of roughly 1600 thumbnails and a number of larger specimens. Les indicated that a few minerals would be suitable additions to the Foundation's Collection, while the remainder would be sales materials.

Acting behalf of the family, he offered to sell the entire collection to the Foundation. There was some discussion on the asking price, mix of specimens, and honoring Marc with a display of selected minerals. Overall, members felt that given the economic downturn and the State of Arizona's budget crisis the Foundation couldn't commit funds to purchase the collection. However, it would be interested in acquiring a small suite of minerals as a memorial to Marc's collecting interests and role in the Foundation.

#### **2. Other New Business**

##### **Nominating Committee**

Harvey pointed out the need to form a nominating committee to assemble a slate of candidates for Officers and Trustees. Phil asked for volunteers. Genie agreed to serve on the committee and to identify other committee members.

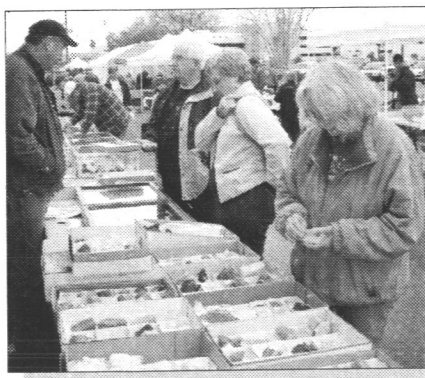
#### **3. Next meeting - Thursday, January 8th, 7pm, at Mesa Community College**

##### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Les moved to adjourn the meeting, and Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

After adjourning, members reviewed the flats of Marc Watson's minerals, and Phil presented a short program on Gold Hill minerals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harvey Jong, Secretary



*Bill Yedowitz, Chairman of the Collection Committee, helps mineral lovers with their selections at the 2008 Flagg Show.*



## **Chairman's Letter** By Ray Grant

Best wishes for the New Year and as usual with the New Year comes my many requests from the Foundation for your help both in time and money.

Enclosed is the membership renewal application, which I hope all of you will fill out and return. Added to the application this year is a chance to pay for the Minerals of Arizona Symposium on March 21, 2009. This way you can just send one check. We have several speakers for the symposium, but we need a few more. If you have a talk to give please contact me (raycyn@cox.net or call 480-814-9086). The final program will be mailed out later. You may also make a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation.

Next, we need volunteers for the Flagg Show, from 9 to 5 on Friday, January 9, Saturday, January 10 and Sunday, January 11. We need people to help with the Foundation's sales tables, with our kid's program, and with the clean up on Sunday evening. If you can give a couple of hours during the weekend it will be a big help.

Finally, we always need specimens for our sales table and for samples to give to kids and teachers. Bring them to the show or give me a call and I will arrange for them to be picked up. Any specimens given can be appraised and a tax deduction given for them.

So your challenge for the New Year is to send in your membership renewal, Symposium registration, and gift; to volunteer to help at the Flagg Show; and to dig around in your garage and find some specimens to donate.

I want to thank everyone who contributed during the past year. We had many, many people helping at the Flagg Show and that made it one of the best ever. The show has grown and without all the member's help we could not have a show. Also, thanks to all who helped with all our other activities during the year and to those who have made donations throughout the year.

*Well, Kid,  
are you  
feeling  
Lucky?*



***Ray Grant accepts Lois Splendoria's Donation.***

### **Mineral Donation Day**

Our first donation day was held at the Museum on Saturday December 6, 2008. Donations were appraised and a tax letter was written on the spot. It was a small but sweet success. We received many nice donations from several members, including Lois Splendoria, Chuck Kominsky and Steve Decker.

Other members have expressed an interest in donating at the Flagg Show. You can, too!

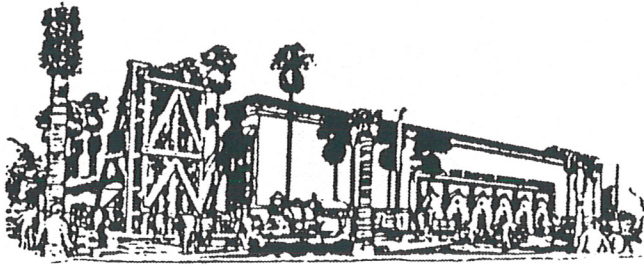
We all have a lot of great specimens in our personal collections, and when we find better ones, we need to find a place for the old "Best Ones". Donation Day gives us a chance to pass on these treasures to folks who will appreciate them.

I plan to sort through my collection each year, and bring about a tenth of it to the Donation Day. In ten years it will be pared down to a nice collection. That may save me from a sore back as I get older!

We will accept donations at any time, and this event was an attempt to make it easier. We will do it again next year (we'll try for the first Saturday in December again) and expect the idea will grow. So thanks to those that brought a donation and start looking for things that you can donate next year!



***These fine  
minerals  
were do-  
nated by  
Steve  
Decker  
and Chuck  
Kominsky.***



## Foundation Officers

	Ray Grant
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